

# **CITY OF LEWISTON**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**MAY 19, 1998**

## **REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.**

FRANK KELLY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Lynch, Gray, Albert, Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready and Assistant City Administrator Peter Crichton.

ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Director Christopher C. Branch.

ABSENT: Mayor Kaileigh A. Tara

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

### **VOTE (1)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Gray:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meetings of March 31<sup>st</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>, and May 5, 1998, and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the Deputy City Clerk. Passed - Vote 7-0

Action was postponed on the minutes of the meeting of the April 21<sup>st</sup> Joint Meeting with the Auburn City Council. The minutes for the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will be amended with regard to the Economic Development Protocol and will be presented to the council for acceptance at the meeting of June 2, 1998.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO RELAXATION OF SPACE AND BULK STANDARDS**

The ordinance pertaining to relaxation of space and bulk standards received its first reading at this time.

A briefing was given by Gil Arsenault, Code Enforcement Director, and Bruce Damon of the Zoning Board of Appeals prior to the ordinance vote.

### **VOTE (2)**

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

That the ordinance pertaining to the relaxation of space and bulk standards has passage on first reading by ye and nay vote. Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (3)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the City Council go on record as officially accepting the estate of Miss Jeanne Couture as stipulated in her last will and testament and that Attorney Robert L. Couturier be so notified. Passed - Vote 7-0

**VOTE (4)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To accept the recommendation of the Public Works Director and the Planning Board and to approve the four land transactions to correct several survey and deed description errors, a right-of-way infringement, and to come into compliance with DEP set back requirements at the Gravel Pit.  
Passed - Vote 7-0

Public Works Director Christopher Branch made a presentation to the Mayor and Council on the status of the ongoing traffic control work on Sabattus Street at Farwell Street.

At this time a video of the Liberty Festival, one of the city's most popular festivals, was shown to the Mayor and Council.

**VOTE (5)**

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Gray:

To approve the following recommendation from the Registrar on actions necessary to conduct the Primary Referendum Election to be held on Tuesday, June 9, 1998:

A. That the hours for acceptance of registrations in person only, prior to the June 9th Election, as required by M.R.S.A. Title 21-A, Sec.122, 6A(2), be set at 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., May 27<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1998; and additional hours of 9:00 A.M. to 12 noon Saturday, June 6, 1998.

B. That the names of those persons who register during the closed session for registration shall be recorded in accordance with M.R.S.A., Title 21-A, Sec. 122, Subsection 7B, except the day prior to the election when they shall be recorded in accordance with Subsection 7A.

C. Pursuant to Title 21A, Sec. 759(7), absentee ballots will be processed at the central polling place at 7:00 A.M., 6:00 P.M. & 8:00 P.M., if necessary.

Passed - Vote 7-0

Assistant City Administrator Peter Crichton mentioned that the first public forum on the EZ/EC Program will be held next week on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at the Multi-Purpose Center.

The vacancy on the Planning Board was mentioned and a few of the councilors indicated that they know of people who may be interested in the position. Robert Mulready stated that he would check into the process to be followed.

Councilor Albert asked about the work taking place on Grove Street. Chris Branch, Public Works Director, stated the contractor is supposed to keep one lane open at all times as best as possible.

## **VOTE (6)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To adjourn at 8:05 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

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Kelly J. Mercier  
Deputy City Clerk  
Lewiston, Maine